Indian groups Protest Committee work

The lower full-blood Ute Indian group and the northern full-bloods have passed a resolution protesting the actions of their business committee, according to Julius Twohy, chair- of the Independent Utes.

They are also protesting the legality of the appointment of a committeeman by Supt. Fleming. Only 13 votes were cast in his favor.

In a special interview Mr. Twohy said, "The three-year program was brought in to help the Indian not to put them in debt like it did. I don't think it did any of us any good. The sad part about it is the Indians are blamed for its total failure," he noted.

"Now we are taking this action so the same thing won't happen again. Too many of our people are shunted into living on a pittance under section 22," Mr. Twohy said.

This section of public Law 671 puts those who drink or are otherwise unable to manage their affairs and money in the care of the superintendent who may recommend that they be cared for under the Welfare Department.

"We feel that the mixed-bloods should have a share in proportion to the Indian blood they possess instead of full rights as they now have."